

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
(Small Entity)

Docket No.
NIE0003-US

In Re Application Of: Jorge Abel Groiso

Serial No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Group Art Unit
10/051,156	January 22, 2002	M. B. Priddy	3732

Invention: BONE STAPLE AND METHOD FOR CORRECTING BONE DEFICIENCIES BY CONTROLLABLY
SUPPRESSING AND/OR INDUCING THE GROWTH OF THE EPIPHYSEAL PLATE



TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of November 3, 2003 in the above-identified application.

Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

- One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: February 3, 2004
Date

until: March 3, 2004
Date

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

- is enclosed.
 has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the extension of time is \$55 and is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **R3704**

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-1390.

Dated: March 3, 2004

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on [REDACTED] with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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